

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/779943 Confirmation No. 9354
Applicant : Nobuyuki Tatsumi
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Examiner : Bobby Ramdhanie

Title : AUTOMATIC SAMPLER AND METHOD FOR RINSING
NEEDLE OF THE SAME
Docket No. : NGB-15306
Customer No. : 040854

AMENDMENT "E"

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20090105)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 9, 2009. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 9, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.
- **Appendix A** begins on page 12 of this paper, and includes seven (7) attached sheets.